This, certainly, was not much for the State, and so, in every way, the position was most satisfactory. In these circumstances he was not a little surprised that Mr. Belur Srinivasiengar should have characterised the financial position of the State as unsatisfactory and that the State was incurring losses every year for a long time past. He also added that the State was not the same as a private bank. A bank was interested in deriving profits from its transactions, but the State was interested in utilising for the benefit of its subjects all the revenue it derived. A private individual might be wrong in borrowing money for using it for his own personal comforts, but a State would certainly be justified in borrowing for the purpose of carrying out works of public utility like tanks, wells, roads and bridges. In conclusion, he complimented the Government for having been able to present a surplus budget for the coming year and thanked them for all that they were doing to help the people to tide over the present difficulties due to world causes.

At this stage, the House rose for the day to meet again at 12 of the clock on Monday, 17th June 1935.

FOURTH DAY.

Monday, 17th June 1935.

The House reassembled at 12 of the clock.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS— (*contd.*).

Prohibition of Raiyats' Conferences.

MESSRS. H. B. GUNDAPPA (Hassan Taluk) and A. S. NANJUNDAPPA (Alur Sub-Taluk).—

Q.—31. Will the Government be pleased to place on the table of this House :—

(*a*) The recent orders of Government prohibiting the holding of raiyats' conferences under the auspices of the People's Federation in the State ?

(*b*) How many such meetings were arranged to be held within the last 10 days of the month of March ?

(*c*) How many meetings were prohibited from coming off and what are they ?

(*d*) Is it not a fact that those meetings were arranged in order to represent to Government the raiyats' grievances and to get relief ?

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (MR. K. V. ANANTARAMAN).—

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) Six.

(*c*) The meetings at the following places :—

(1) Nelapatna, Tumkur Taluk.
(2) Sugganahalli, Magadi Taluk, Bangalore District.
(3) Holera Kothanur, Kankanhalli Taluk, Bangalore District.
(4) Akkur, Channapatna Taluk, Bangalore District.
(5) Hunasanahalli, Channapatna Taluk, Bangalore District.

(*d*) No.

MR. H. B. GUNDAPPA.—The answer to question (*d*) is in the negative. On what basis did the Government think that the conferences were not meant to represent the grievances of the raiyats ?

MR. K. V. ANANTARAMAN.—On the basis of the information that was before the Government.

MR. H. B. GUNDAPPA.—What was that information ?

MR. K. V. ANANTARAMAN.—I am sorry it cannot be divulged.

MR. H. B. GUNDAPPA.—Had not the objects of the conference been clearly defined and also published in several newspapers ?

MR. K. V. ANANTARAMAN.—That might have been done.

MR. H. B. GUNDAPPA.—If so, were not the Government aware of the objects ?

MR. K. V. ANANTARAMAN.—Government did not receive any information from the leaders.

MR. H. B. GUNDAPPA.—Did not the objects of the conference come to the notice of the Government through newspapers ?